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### **TAB Appoints New Chairman**

**DOVER, Del.** (Oct. 20, 2008) – Governor Ruth Ann Minner announced today that George Fiorile, vice president and general manager of hotel operations for Dover Downs Hotel & Casino, has been appointed as Chairman of the Tourism Advisory Board by its members. TAB advises the director of the Delaware Economic Development Office and the Governor on matters relating to the promotion of Delaware as a tourist destination.

“I applaud the Tourism Advisory Board’s selection of George Fiorile as chairman of the Tourism Advisory Board,” said Governor Ruth Ann Minner. “George brings more than 20 years of business experience in the hospitality industry and will certainly serve with great distinction in this volunteer position.”

Linda Parkowski stepped down as the Board’s Chairwoman in August when she was appointed the state’s director of tourism. She commented, “I’m delighted that George has agreed to accept this position as we continually strive to work together to grow the state’s tourism industry.”

Fiorile has been engaged in Delaware’s tourism industry for 10 years as an executive of Dover Downs Hotel & Casino, a AAA Four Diamond casino hotel located in the state’s capital. Following a recent expansion, Dover Downs Hotel & Casino is Delaware’s largest hotel, featuring 500 guest rooms, three new restaurants, a gourmet coffee café, upscale shops and a casino lounge. Prior to Dover Downs Hotel & Casino, Fiorile held positions at Caesar’s Hotel & Casino and Trump Marina, both in Atlantic City, N.J.

His volunteer contributions for various tourism-related organizations in Delaware include: Governor’s Tourism Advisory Board (2005-2008); Delaware Hotel & Lodging Association, Board of Directors (2005-2008); and Delaware Restaurant Association, Board of Directors (2004-2008).

“Delaware’s tourism community is a vital part of Delaware’s economic engine,” said George Fiorile. “I look forward to serving and working with the tourism community and the State Tourism Office to enhance our visibility as the premier regional destination.”

Fiorile attended James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va., where he received his bachelor's degree in hotel and restaurant management.

**About Delaware Tourism Office**

The Delaware Tourism Office, part of the Delaware Economic Development Office, promotes tourism and economic growth in Delaware. The Office is dedicated to fulfilling the requests and needs of travelers by offering information and resources about Delaware activities, attractions and destinations. For more information, visit the official Delaware Tourism Web site at [www.VisitDelaware.com](http://www.VisitDelaware.com) or call toll-free 866-284-7483.

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